



Joplin Junior College Gains Local and National Recognition On Twenty-First Birthday and Expands Entire Study Program

If colleges were people, Joplin Junior could certainly say that in its twenty-first year, it "came of age" in many different areas.

Obviously the school came of age locally with the move to more spacious quarters at Eighth Street and Pearl Avenue. Although the operation entailed much frenzied activity on the part of students and faculty alike, the instructors managed to present a fairly calm front on registration day as they faced a record onslaught of 673 eager students.

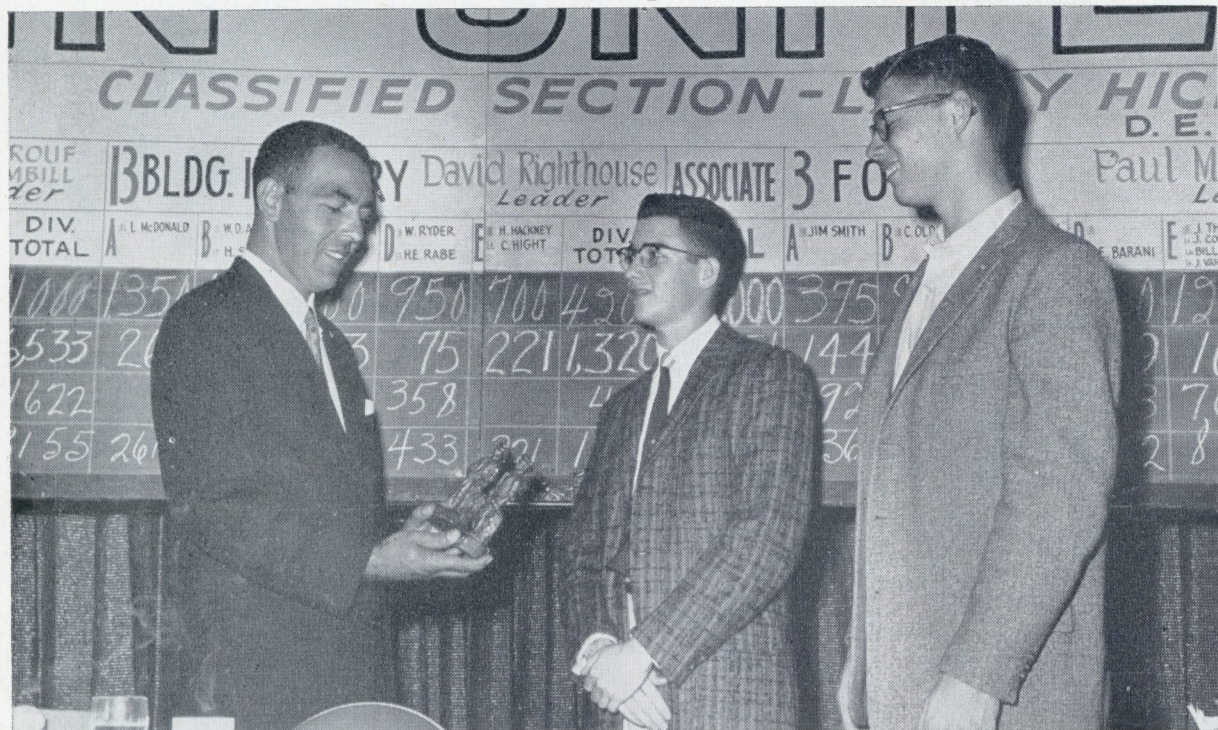
Even more important, perhaps, the school also came of age nationally when the United States Office of Education selected it as one of the top 12 junior colleges in the country to observe for a study of community service. The research team sent here for five weeks greeted Dean Maurice Litton on opening day.

For the first time, the College made every night class a credit course. An all-time high enrollment of 356 resulted. For the first time in several years, Juco will offer a summer session in 1959.

As for several years, students with creditable records will be able to transfer to other institutions of higher learning because Joplin Junior College is accredited by the American Association of Junior Colleges; the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; the University of Missouri; and the State Department of Education.



Students and Faculty Devote Time to Serving the Community



As in the past, students and staff members have donated hours whenever possible to civic work. Receiving outstanding service awards, at left, are two of the many students who assisted with the United Fund campaign. At right center, four coeds assist the Heart Fund agency. Phi Theta Kappa members sold Community Concert tickets and ushered at programs. Political science students conducted surveys on pertinent issues. The majority of community organizations have profited from the services of students and faculty.



Musicians and Actors Entertain Frequently

The speech and music departments presented numerous programs in the area. The thespians alone gave 29. The Christmas play, "Boy With a Cart," was presented seven times. Make-up crews assisted groups lacking adequate facilities.





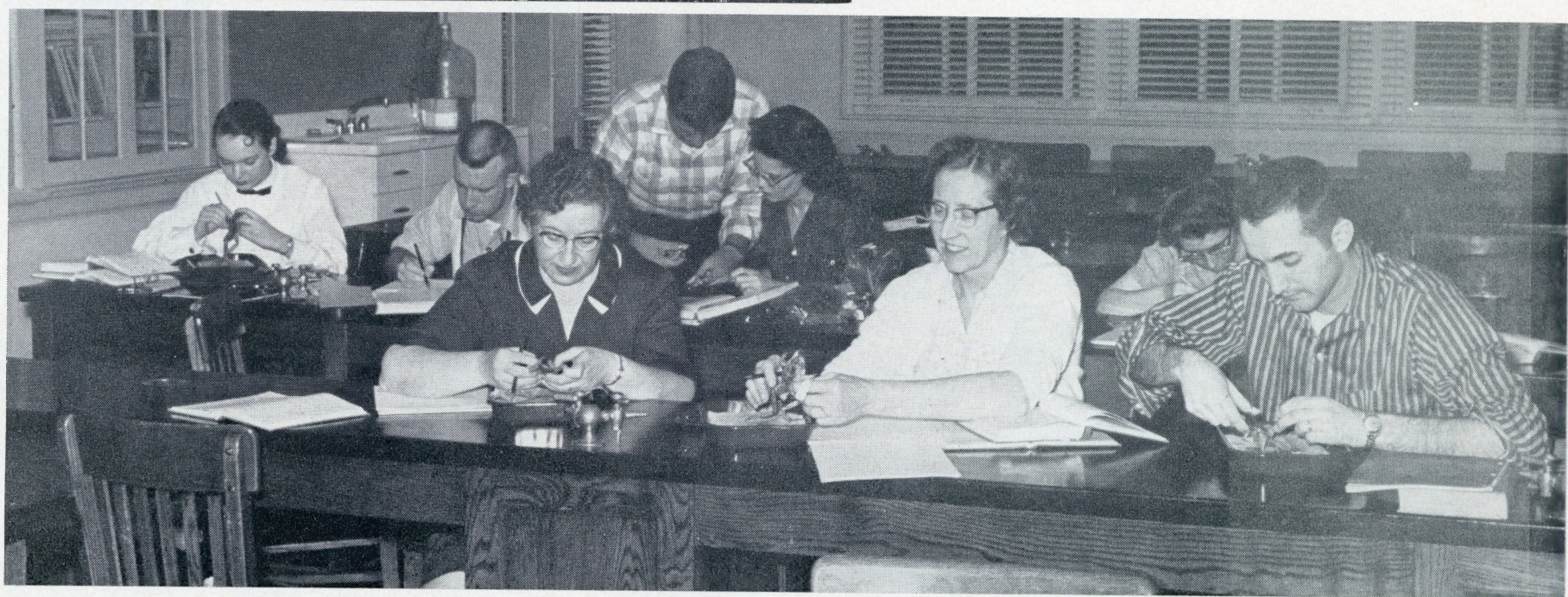
Classrooms Stimulate; Honors Often Result

Standing in front of a custom-built, down-draft hood at left are the top-ranking freshmen in math and chemistry examining the handbooks they received. Designed to remove unpleasant and poisonous fumes, the hood compares favorably with those of leading industrial laboratories. It even boasts a hot plate for heating beakers full of fascinating mixtures.

Regardless of the clamor for science and math, aesthetic values also occupy a prominent position with College people. The five student poets in the lower right picture captured honor for Joplin Junior College when the National Poetry Association selected their verses for publication in the National Anthology of College Poetry.

Students ranking high scholastically were invited to join either the honorary arts and science society or the honorary business society. Phi Theta Kappa had an all-time high of 42 members this year.

Laboratory work plays a part in many courses, such as in the night zoology class that the photographer caught dissecting frogs.



Future Teachers Organize

Occupational interests led to the formation of one new club this year, a local branch of the Future Teachers of America. Several Club members are shown here with the President of the Department of Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association.

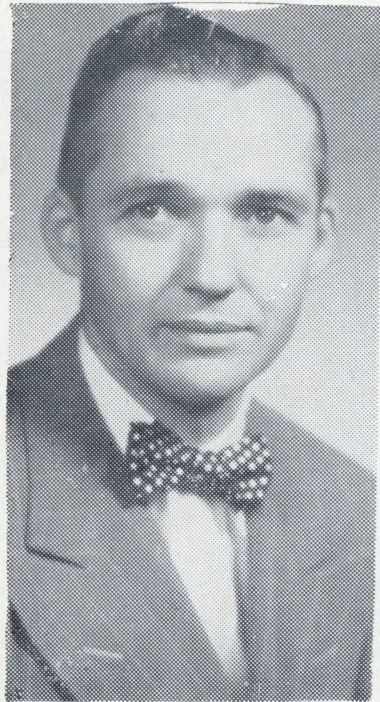


Football and Basketball Teams Sweep to Championships

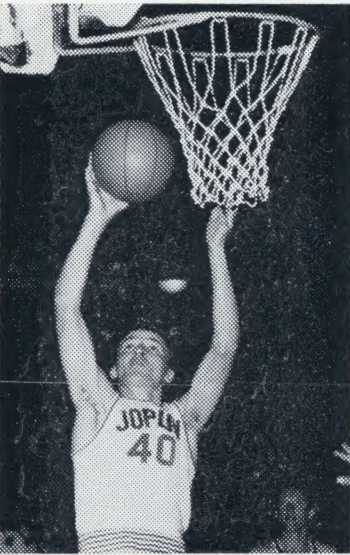
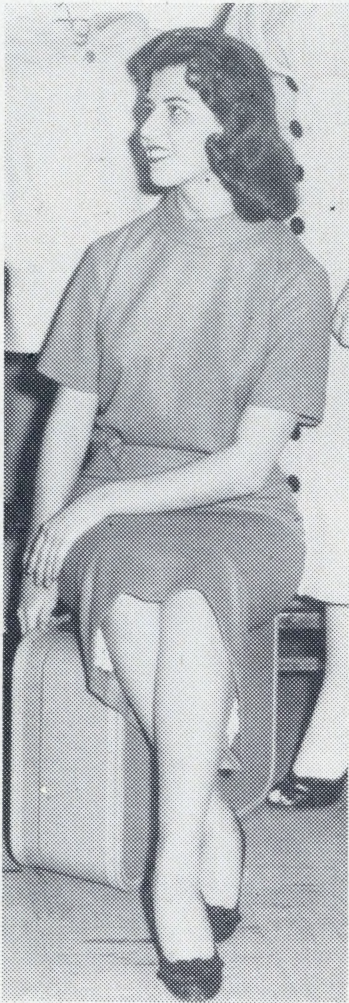
Spurred on by the spirited cheerleaders, both the football and basketball teams smashed their way through to league championships and one gridster placed on the junior college All-American team. Highlight of the season was the crowning of the football queen at the Homecoming game.

Even the girls get into the act! Besides golfing, they also enjoy bowling, dancing, tennis, and major team sports.





Trips Widen College Experience



Throughout the year, organizations, faculty, and individuals represented the College in widely scattered parts of the nation. In the scenes below, some Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. members climb into the car for a summer meeting in Colorado. Choir members try on their new robes preparatory to a Kansas City trip. Seated on her suitcase is one of the four Missouri Distributive Education representatives who flew to Washington state for a national meeting. And where would the Chart staff go for information but to the University of Missouri, where three members are shown reading The Journalist's Creed?



'Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice...'



College life includes glamor as well as hard work. In the case of the four Phi Theta Kappa ushers at the Community Concert, beauty and brains happily unite. Juco beauties also reign in queenly fashion over the Engineers' Ball, upper right, and the Crossroads Ball, sponsored by the yearbook staff. Beta Beta Beta sorority turns glamorous for a tea.

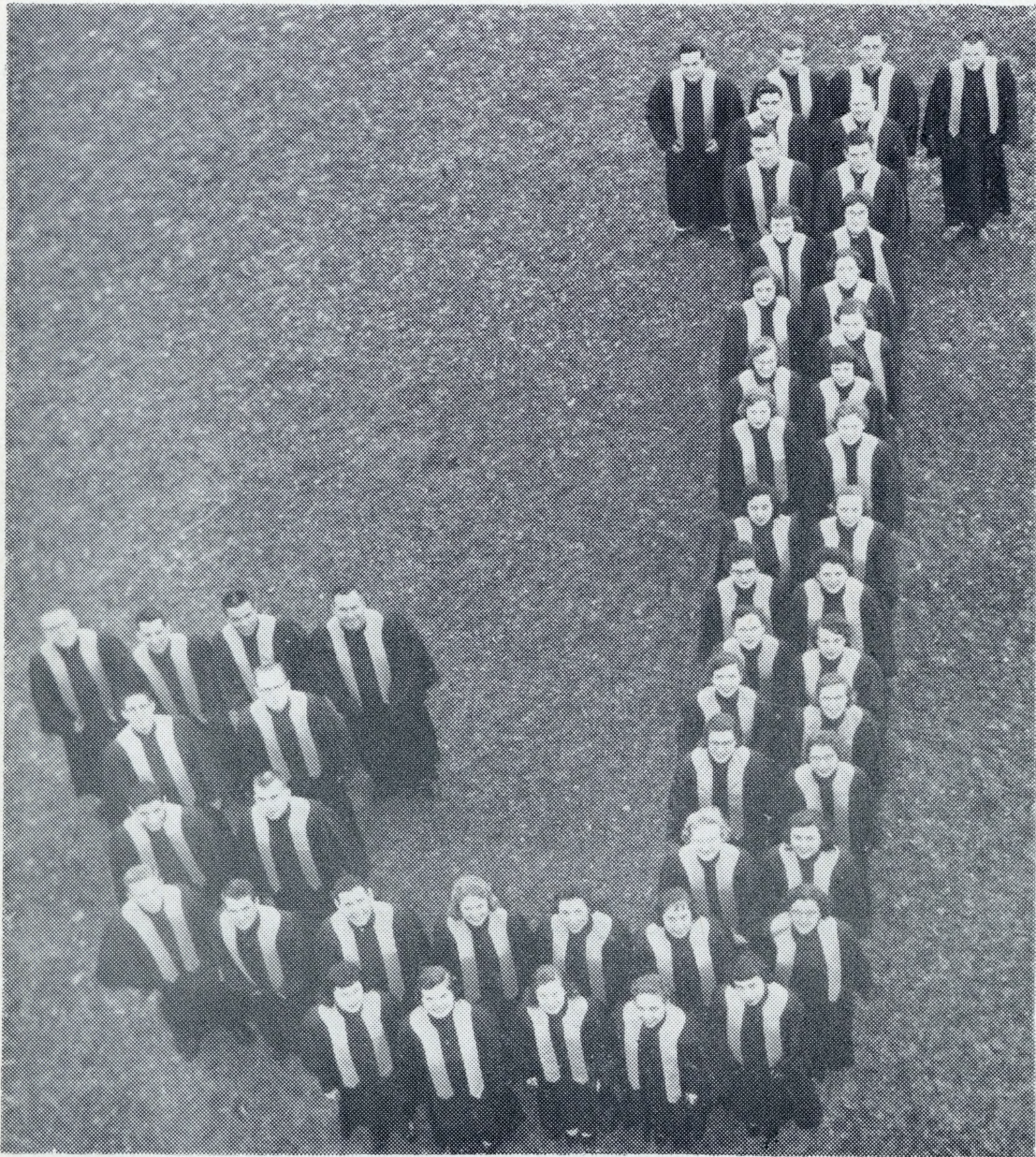


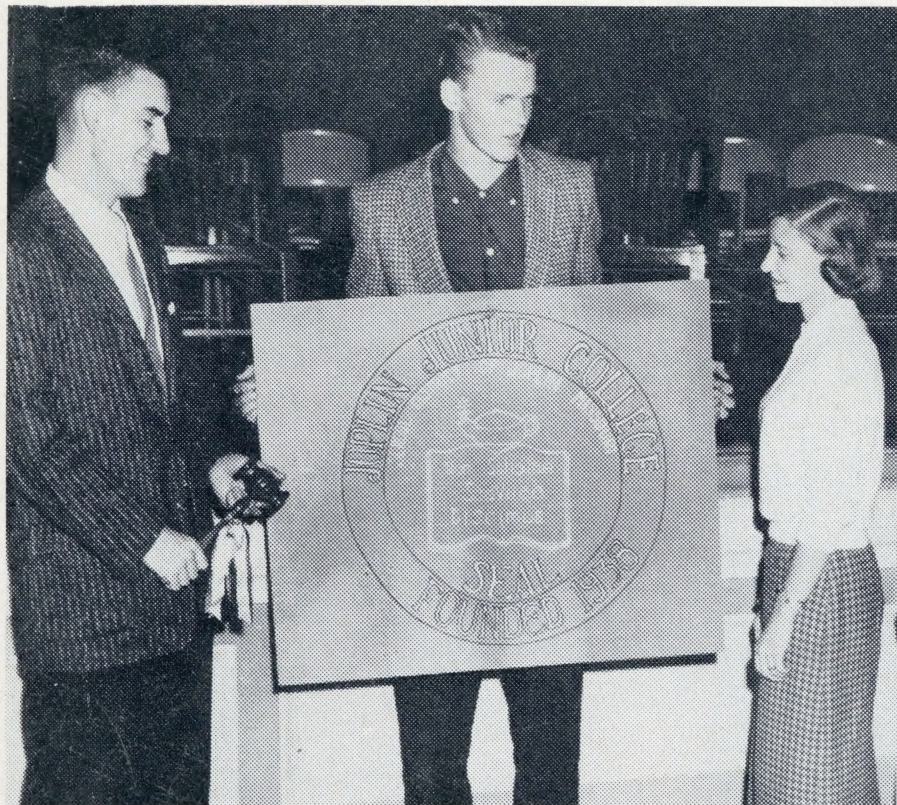


Top Performers and Authorities Motivate Us to Higher Standards

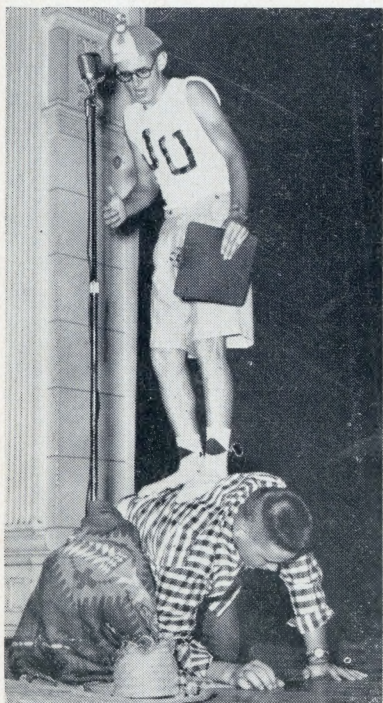


Cultural opportunities enrich college life. Three sophomore music majors presented their graduation recitals and the vocal groups gave many programs. Each year activity tickets provide admission to professional performances. From time to time, experts in different areas are brought to the College to advise those interested. Dean Earl English of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri counsels Chart editors at right.





Friendly Spirit and Academic Thoroughness Portend a Bright Future for Joplin Junior College



Informality keynotes the approach of students pursuing their favorite activities. One may choose from a galaxy of enterprises, whether interested in the legislative process, as are the Student Senate officers, or in entertaining, as are the Football Jazz Band members and the assembly clowns. Almost everyone joins in the traditional carol-singing at Christmas.

Next year? Even better! And the year after that and the year after that! And for generations to come, Jo Juco can read his Chart and be proud of his position as mascot to Joplin Junior College!

